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WELCOME TO METROWEEN

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Halloween is creeping up on us. Sadly, this year it falls on a Tuesday, so the debauchery will likely unfold over the weekend. And you, dear readers, deserve a break from the chaos of the news cycle – and the drudgery of the work week. Let's look forward to scintillating spirits, crisp leaves, creepy costumes and of course, candy. Inside you'll read about the psychology behind our fears, local Halloween festivities, and whether you should be worried about razor blades in candy apples. Oh, and we tell you which bars make the best Halloween haunts. Read on, if you dare, to prepare for the season's spookiest holiday.

WINNER

Toupee Trumpkin by Phet Lew

MetroWeen Trumpkin contest

October is a time for tricks, treats and Trumpkins. We're happy to announce the winner of our MetroWeen Trumpkin contest is Phet Lew of Lorton, Virginia. Below you'll find our runners-up. It was a tough call, but in the end, Lew's choice of a wheat toupée "trumped" the others.

RUNNER-UP Twilight Trumpkin by Stephanie Geyer

RUNNER-UP Trick-or-Treat Trumpkin by Manuel Roman

RUNNER-UP Toothy Trumpkin by Timothy Daily

RUNNER-UP Toffee Trumpkin by Treva Bice Kilcoyne

Spice up your Halloween decor with these pumpkin-carving ideas

Not your mama's jack-o'-lantern.

ERIN TIERNAN

Despite the blue skies and 80-degree days, it's actually fall, which means it's time to pull your scarves, leggings and boots out of storage and start transforming your home into Halloween wonderland or nightmare — the choice is yours.

The staple for any self-respecting Halloween decorator is, of course, the jack-o'-lantern. The carved pumpkin gives some leeway for creativity with a classic touch.

These days, pumpkin carving is somewhat of an art of its own, and Metro has found some of the spookiest, funniest and most clever designs to inspire you as you set out to carve your jack-o'-lantern this year. Check out the photos for inspiration.

Metro also has a few tips on how to pick the perfect pumpkin and how to keep it fresh once it's carved.

How to pick the perfect Halloween pumpkin

The first thing to remember is all pumpkins aren't created equal, and while size matters, bigger isn't always better, according to homemaking blog The Spruce.

When hunting for the perfect squash for carving your jack-o'-lantern, you'll want to look for a nice shape (rounded, maybe slightly flat on one side) that will last for several days once carved.

Once you've made your choice, there are a few things to remember that will help you get it home in one piece:

• Make sure your pumpkin is fully mature (it will appear firm on the outside).

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• Never carry your pumpkin by the stem — stems snap off easily and will leave your pumpkin open to infection and rot, which will lead to a quick demise for your carved creation.

• Inspect your pumpkin for bruises or soft spots — this means your pumpkin is already past its prime and won't last you too long.

Keeping your pumpkin fresh for Halloween and beyond

Nobody likes a dried-out, shriveled up jack-o'-lantern, so it's important to follow the steps listed above to stop it from decaying as soon as it's cut and exposed to air.

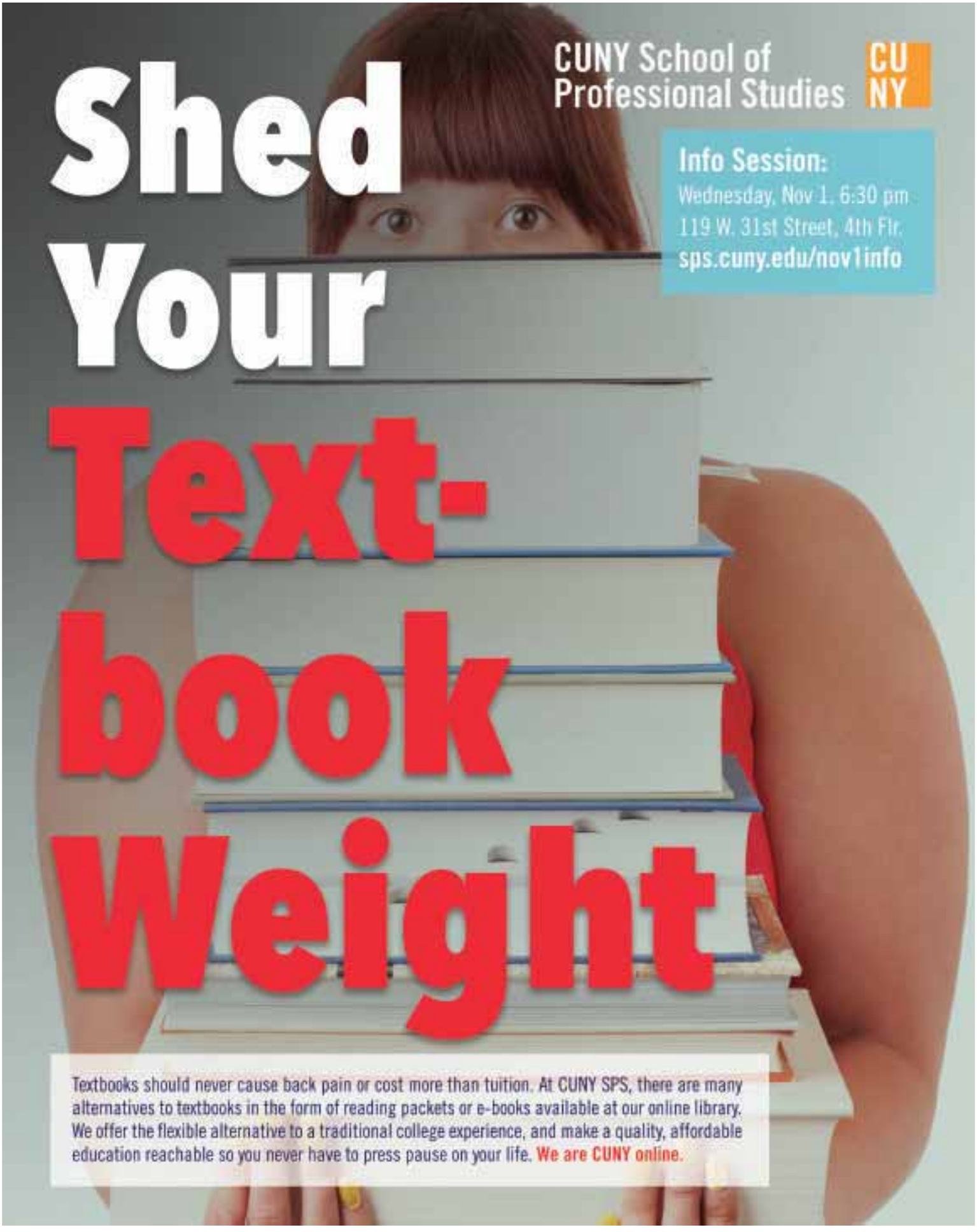
As with most things, the fresher the better, but if you need to carve your pumpkin a few days before displaying it, these tips will help it live a long, fulfilling life.

Carved pumpkins on display during the Life Is Good Pumpkin Festival. GETTY IMAGES

Howl at the moon! FLICKR

CARVING TIPS

- Keep the pumpkin in a cool spot, out of direct sunlight.
- Spray it with an anti-transpirant, like Wilt-Pruf.
- Drape the entire pumpkin with a damp towel.
- Protect it from animals that might be tempted to take a bite.
- Don't leave it outdoors if there's a threat of frost.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"This Is Real" features an immersive story line in which you need to outsmart a psycho. MICHAEL SHARKEY STUDIOS

Can you survive 'This Is Real'?

The group that ran Nightmare Haunted House presents this Red Hook-based immersive horror story that has you as the main character – if you survive.

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You're in a musty, creepy warehouse in Red Hook, forced to wear a drab jumpsuit and led, blindfolded and bound, to whereabouts unknown. You then watch, helpless, as a person just like you is tortured by a psychopath who's coming for you next. What do you do? What *can* you do?

"You have to get the f—k out when it's time — and you'll know when it's time," is among your scant directions.

Luckily, this is not real, but it is "This Is Real," an immersive-theater horror story, and you're its star — if you survive, that is.

"I honestly have no idea what to expect," recent participant Romain told Metro when we visited the outing for Psycho Clan, which hosted Nightmare Haunted House on the Lower East Side for more than a decade.

"I wanted to create a real horror scenario that felt real and was able to utilize quiet and mood, and people could take their time," creator Timothy Haskell said. "It stemmed from wanting to achieve things in horror you can't do in a haunted house."

But don't think this is an escape-room scenario. "Although you have to escape it, there's no riddles or clues," Haskell said. "It's 'Can you survive? Figure it out.'"

While Metro watched the action via strategic peepholes throughout "This Is Real," we won't give too much away other than to say that this writer is glad she was a voyeur instead of a victim.

Haskell's favorite part is the hiding involved to survive. "That's what I think is really terrifying, creating quiet stasis, like in horror movies where both you in the audience and the character are waiting for the bad guy to discover you, and it takes so long," he said. "To me, that's the thing I couldn't do in a haunted house that I could do here."

Romain, who ended up one of two survivors, liked the hiding, and said the scariest part for him was "when the psychopath was whistling and we knew he was coming back."

While "This Is Real" is sold out for the remainder of October, it has an open-ended run at 153 Coffey St., which is just a few blocks from the NYC Ferry's Red Hook landing on the South Brooklyn route.

Tickets range from $95-$110, and only eight tickets are sold for each time slot. For more info, visit thisisreal.nyc.

"I wanted to create a real horror scenario that felt real. ... It stemmed from wanting to achieve things in horror you can't do in a haunted house."
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"This Is Real" lasts about 70 minutes. MICHAEL SHARKEY STUDIOS

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Why do we like being scared? There are psychological reasons why fear is fun

Steven Schlozman, a psychologist and horror fanatic, helps us understand why we love the thrill of scary movies and haunted houses.

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Halloween is all about haunted houses and scary movies — at least, for those who enjoy the thrill of being frightened.

Steven Schlozman is one of those people, a horror fanatic and horror novel author. He's also a psychiatrist at the Clay Center for Young Healthy Minds and an assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

Schlozman said that he loves horror because he likes the feeling of being scared, but it's important to remember that not everybody does.

"As a child psychologist, I remind people that just because you like being scared, doesn't mean your kid will like it or be ready for it," he said. "I've got two kids, and one likes it and one doesn't."

But for those who do like it, there are some psychological reasons why.

First, it's important to note that those who enjoy scary movies are actually affected by them. It's not that they're unbothered.

"People who like horror films actually get afraid, or at least have a flight-or-fight response," he said. "The people not affected actually don't enjoy them."

During a scary movie, your brain tries to figure out what it is that's frightening and why, and that's an interesting enough exercise to keep you glued to the screen.

People who like horror movies are actually scared by them, and there's a reason they enjoy that feeling. PEXELS

"Most of what scares us are things that look familiar but aren't familiar. It's the notion of pattern recognition," Schlozman said. "Take the pale man in 'Pan's Labyrinth,' where he has eyes in his hands and holds them up to his head — it's a terrifying scene, and part of what makes it so is because there's a human-like shape there."

"You recognize the pattern of 'human,' but it doesn't match everything else you see," he continued. "Our brains are tickled by that. We love that because, from a very early age, we figure out how to recognize patterns."

People who never go through the exercise of asking why something scares them tend to not be that interested in getting scared, Schlozman said.

There are limits to that. Because Schlozman is a dad, scary movies that involve kids (a common horror trope, he added) are harder for him. They're not as fun, he said, but he can at least understand the complex feelings around why that is.

Horror movies and haunted houses are also simulated situations. You're not really being chased, but you get to think about what you would do if you had to run. Though we're hardwired to avoid those situations, Schlozman said, we also are hardwired to run through scenarios in our own head so we can figure out how to respond.

"If you go to a horror convention or film, people who don't even know each other talk about films in a way that doesn't happen in other genres," Schlozman said. "I think what's fun about horror or fear is it's a universal experience. We can all relate to it, and at end of the day, it's usually not fear that drives story, it's the way that people respond to the fear."

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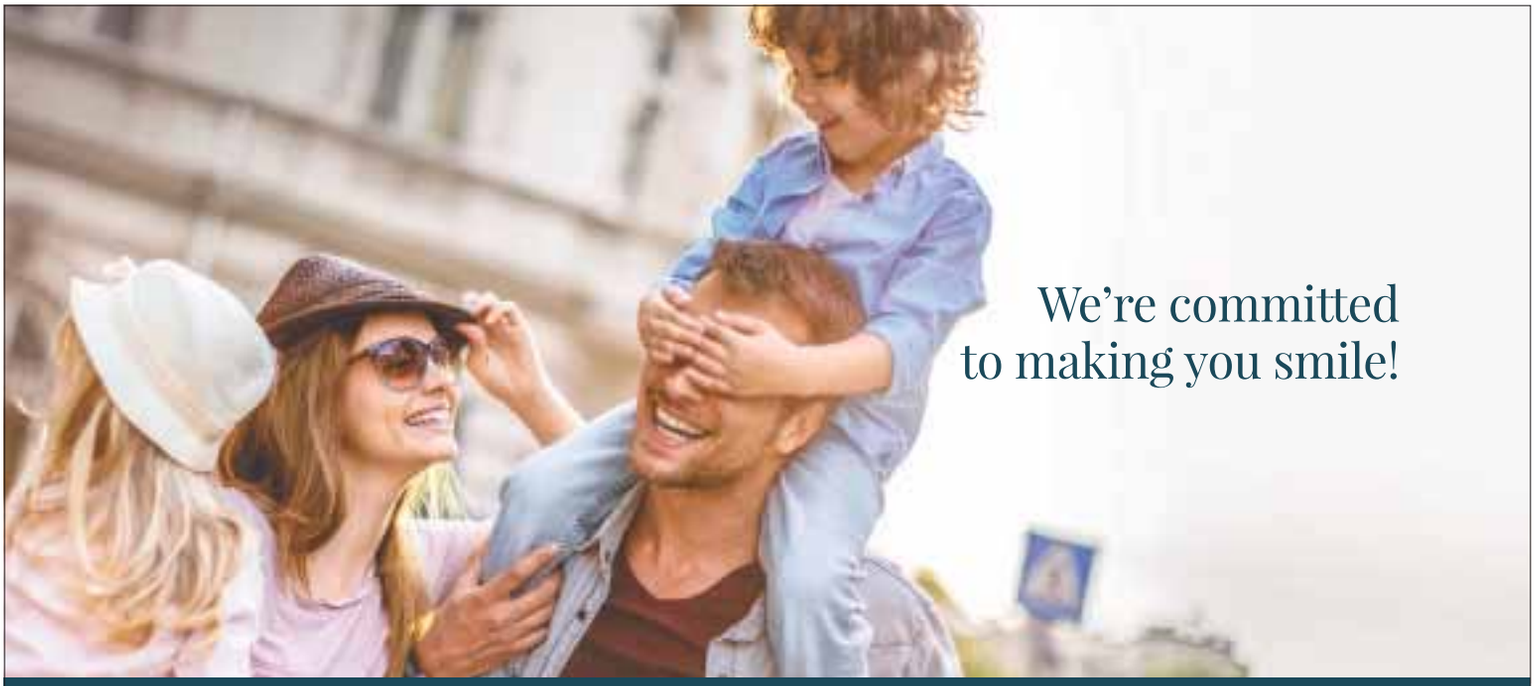

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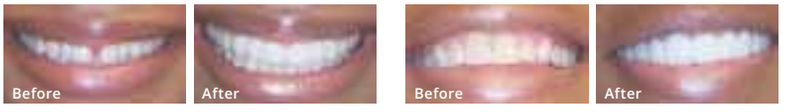

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Halloween revelers taking part in last year's parade.

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Your guide to the Village Halloween Parade

The Village Halloween Parade is celebrating its 44th year. This is how, when and where to watch (or join in) the festivities in 2017.

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The Village Halloween Parade is a spectacle many look forward to as soon as the air turns crisp (or humid, with climate change and all that) and pumpkin spice lattes are cupped between the two mitts of basic b—ches everywhere. YAS.

The Village Halloween Parade will be held on Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. and is expected to run until 11 p.m.

All in costume are welcome to join in "… the nation's most wildly creative public participatory event in the greatest city in the world!" If you want to participate in the parade, line up on Sixth Avenue at Canal Street between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

The grand marshal, Anjelica, is an up-and-coming artist. She will be riding on a float designed by Alexei Kazantsev, the first done in a New Orleans style.

According to the website, the parade runs up Sixth Avenue from Spring to 16th Street. "The streets are most crowded between Bleecker and 14th streets, so you might consider getting there early or try another place along the route … (or better yet, put on a costume and join the parade)!"

The parade will be telecast on NY1 from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

This year, the theme is Cabinet of Curiosities: An Imaginary Menagerie.

Parade organizers say the celebration is attended by more than two million people.

Razors in Halloween candy: Fact or fiction?

No one is sure if the gruesome Halloween myth has ever really happened.

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Did you hear about it? Years ago, in that one town, some psycho was handing out apples to kids on Halloween that had blades inside them. When they bit the apple, they were biting straight into a razor.

Or was it needles in Twix bars? Or poisoned Pixy Stix?

As a matter of fact, it was none of the above.

Despite panicking gullible parents for years and adding a macabre element to the holiday of fear, the stories of madmen handing out needles and razors in Halloween candy have yet to be proved true.

It's unclear where the stories originated and why they persist — whether it's in the collective unconscious or if the story keeps getting intentionally resurrected by parents trying to terrify their fat, sugar-addicted kids into laying off the candy.

Either way, read on for the history of this disturbing urban legend.

One child did die after consuming poisonous Pixy Stix on Halloween – but his own father is the one who gave it to him, believing the "random Halloween killer" theory would trick the cops.

Ronald Clark O'Bryan also gave cyanide-laced Pixy Stix to his daughter and a few other kids on Halloween 1974 in Deer Park, Texas, hoping that spreading the poison around would convince investigators a maniac was responsible.

But police quickly determined no Pixy Stix were given out at any of the homes where O'Bryan's 8-year-old son Timothy had trick-or-treated before dying from potassium cyanide poisoning around 10:30 p.m. Halloween night. Then they learned his father was more than $100,000 in debt and had just signed the boy up for a hefty life-insurance policy. By chance, none of the other kids who got them ever ate their poisoned Pixy Stix.

O'Bryan was dubbed "the candy man" by the media, and as he was executed by lethal injection in 1974, demonstrators outside the prison tossed candy in the air and shouted, "Trick or treat!" reports said.

For some reason, needles- and razor-in-candy stories encourage people to re-create them and act them out.

After Halloween 2013, police in the suburban Philadelphia town of Kennett Square reported that needles were found inside of Twix bars by four children. Police shared photos of the dangerous candy as the investigation began.

But shortly afterward, an 11-year-old girl admitted putting the needles, stolen from her mother's sewing kit, into the Twix bars after an adult showed her a picture of needles in a candy bar.

And just days later in South Jersey, a man brought more candy bars with needles to Gloucester Township police. They quickly determined he was a "copycat" of the Kennett Square incident perpetrated by the young girl, as he had posted that picture on his Facebook page and "had made up the story and had placed the needles in the candy bars," according to police statements at the time.

These stories and images seem to trigger a psychological impulse to "re-create" the scene.

Two other incidents feed the fire of the razors-in-candy myth.

In 1970, a 5-year-old from Detroit died after Halloween from a heroin overdose. But panic that candy with heroin was handed out was suppressed after it was revealed the boy accidentally consumed drugs from his uncle's stash.

The earliest reported incident, in 1959, does really involve a mad doctor giving out hundreds of unwitting trick-or-treaters a "trick" instead of "treat" in their candy. But no one died or suffered permanent damage.

That's because California dentist Dr. William Shine, who clearly had a weird sense of humor, didn't give out poison. For some reason, he just handed out roughly 450 laxatives. At least 30 children felt the effects, with one ending up in the hospital.

Police shared this grim discovery after a recent Halloween, later found to be an elaborate hoax by an 11-year-old girl. PROVIDED

The history of Halloween includes matchmaking, spirits and ancient Celtic traditions

The origins of Halloween began in religion but evolved into the candy-filled celebration we know today. PIXABAY

Halloween is an annual excuse to gorge on candy, dress up in scandalous costumes or turn off our porch lights and pretend we aren't home. But how did it all begin?

Halloween is celebrated every year on Oct. 31. It originated with the ancient Celtic festival Samhain, during which bonfires were lit and costumes donned to warn off spirits. All Saints Day (Nov. 1) was brought into the mix in the eighth century by Pope Gregory III and included some elements of Samhain. Samhain became known as All Hallow Eve and, eventually, Halloween.

As Halloween evolved, it began to lose its religious connections. Rigid Protestant beliefs limited the celebration in colonial New England, according to history, and it was much more common in the southern colonies.

Customs from Europe and the American Indians blended, creating an American version of Halloween. Initially, "play parties" were public events celebrating the harvest where people would tell stories of the dead, dance and sing.

As immigrants, including millions of Irish escaping the Great Potato Famine, flooded America in the second half of the 19th century, Halloween became a national celebration.

Many rituals focused on the future, according to history. Single women would take part in rituals that would (hopefully) result in marriage by the following Halloween.

Women of marrying age would also throw apple peels over their shoulders and decipher the meaning by how the peels fell. The idea was to look for the shape of the future husband's initials. KIMBERLY M. AQUILINA

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Mischief Night: When is it, when did it start and is it the same as Devil's Night?

You'll also find out why you need to be prepared for some cleaning.

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Mischief Night, or Devil's Night, can be a trick or a treat, depending on which side of it you end up on.

If there's any day that can be thought of as the official TP-your-neighbor's-house day, Mischief Night is it. Whether you refer to it as Mischief Night or Devil's Night should probably depend on the tricks you plan to pull on your unsuspecting friends and neighbors.

When is Devil's Night, or Mischief Night?

Though you might not have been aware that it had a name, the night before Halloween is dubbed Mischief Night or Devil's Night. That's the night of Oct. 30.

What do people do on Devil's Night?

Usually the pranks pulled on Devil's Night are such classic petty crimes that they're now stereotypes in how we talk about Halloween: TPing someone's house or lawn and soaping their windows on the mild end, and tossing eggs or rotten tomatoes at their front door or throwing a flaming bag of dog doodie on their doorstep on the messier and more severe end.

Wait, is Mischief Night the same as Devil's Night?

Although historically the names were interchangeable and both referred to the night before Oct. 31 or Halloween, the meaning of Devil's Night has become more specific. The night of small pranks on the part of kids and teenagers is marked in random areas throughout the United States, but in Detroit, Michigan, these nights saw much more serious destruction, particularly through arson.

In fact, the arson characteristic of Devil's Night revelries in Detroit was a phenomenon prevalent from the 1970s all the way through to the mid-1990s. The destruction was so widespread that a charity campaign, aptly named Angel's Night, was created to counterbalance it.

So Devil's Night dates back to the 1970s?

Actually, it dates back even earlier. The earliest reference to Devil's Night can be found in the 1940s, but Mischief Night predates it. Those references go back to 1790, The Guardian reported, and a school play involving the fellow of St. John's College, Oxford, "which ended in 'an Ode to Fun which praises children's tricks on Mischief Night in most approving terms.'"

Experts believe that the pranks and gambits planned on Mischief Night were a part of May Eve revels in Britain that were transferred to later in the year as a product of the stunts seeping out of the cities and into smaller towns with the industrial revolution.

Is Mischief Night illegal?

Although Mischief Night itself is not illegal, many of the pranks that kids and teens like to carry out are. The unofficial day enjoys a notable presence in New Jersey, where some towns have adopted a zero tolerance policy in an attempt to combat the regular acts of vandalism.

According to a Harvard Dialect survey looking at how Americans speak, the night is also referred to around the country as Gate Night, Cabbage Night, Goosy Night and Trick Night.

The night before Halloween is dubbed Mischief Night or Devil's Night. ISTOCK

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NYC Pain MD is a medical clinic with two locations in New York City that has made a name for itself by treating the worst cases of back or neck pain.

Here is what every back and neck pain sufferer who has failed to respond to other treatments and does not want surgery should know about one of the best treatment options available today for severe back and neck pain including when, why and where you should consider this treatment to get maximum results.

If you suffer with back, neck or nerve pain, you have probably already tried *many* treatments ... especially countless pain medications.

Experienced doctors understand that even though pain medications such as anti-inflammatory pain pills are part of the recommended early treatment plan for back pain... they are rarely the answer.

In most cases they have minimal, short term results (if any) and have a laundry list of potential side effects. Some being serious and even life threatening.

Are there any better options?

Thankfully, advancements in science and technology come extremely fast. And now there is very good option to help relieve the pain.

An option that a lot of back and neck pain sufferers may have never heard of before.

Before we get into these treatments, please understand this...

NYC Pain MD is a REAL medical clinic that has treated the worst cases of back pain. Patients travel from all over to be treated at one of their clinics for all sorts of joint and muscle pain because they want the best medical treatments available.

What you are about to discover is a REAL medical treatment. Not some miracle cure you see on infomercials or on the internet.

Know this fact: <u>There is no one treatment that will help every case of back pain.</u> And we cannot guarantee this treatment will work for you. But this treatment has already helped countless back and neck pain sufferers who had given up hope. I bet many just like you.

What is this treatment? It's called...

Radiofrequency Neurotomy

"Radiofrequncy Neurotomy" is often referred to as RF for short. Just what is "RF".

RF is a procedure that is based on the concept that blocking the nerve supply to the painful area may alleviate pain and restore function.

There are many nerves around your spine and one of their jobs is to sense PAIN.

Radiofrequency waves are delivered to these nerves under advanced imaging to "block" the nerves and slow down the pain

Two procedures are performed. First, a test, diagnostic "Block" procedure is done to determine if the procedure is going to decrease pain and improve function.

If this first "test" procedure is successful, the Radio Frequency Neurotomy is scheduled and performed for longer term relief.

What Results Can You Expect?

Like all real medical procedures... results vary for individual patients. No good and ethical doctor would guarantee any exact results for any procedure... that's just not how things work and it would be less than honest.

That's being said, it is not uncommon for patients to get complete, if not significant relief of their pain shortly after the treatment.

How Long Do The Results Last?

This procedure "impaits" the nerves pain signals... it does not destroy them. Therefore, the results are safe but not completely permanent. But, many patients get relief for 6 months… 12 months…. 18 months for some even longer. The great news is - another procedure can be safely preformed for more relief if necessary.

While we cannot claim this is a complete "permanent cure" . . . it can be a godsend for so many who were in constant pain.

Really... what would it be worth if you could get out of pain for long enough so you could start enjoying your everyday life again?

Would it be worth it to be able to finally get a good night's sleep again?

How about being able to go for a simple walk or just do your basic daily chores without worrying about so much pain?

Is It Safe?

Yes. This procedure has been done countless times and continues to have an excellent safety record. It is minimally invasive and i*s not surgical.*

Who Should Try This Treatment?

RF should be considered after other treatments, such as anti - inflammatory pain medication and physical therapy do not offer good enough results.

RF has also been found effective AFTER back surgery when patient's still feel pain.

The pain after a failed back surgery can be debilitating for some and this procedure may be the only thing that helps give you relief.

What To Do Next If You Are In Pain And The "X" Factor

Here is the "X" factor many do not consider that might be the difference between you getting the best possible treatment or not.

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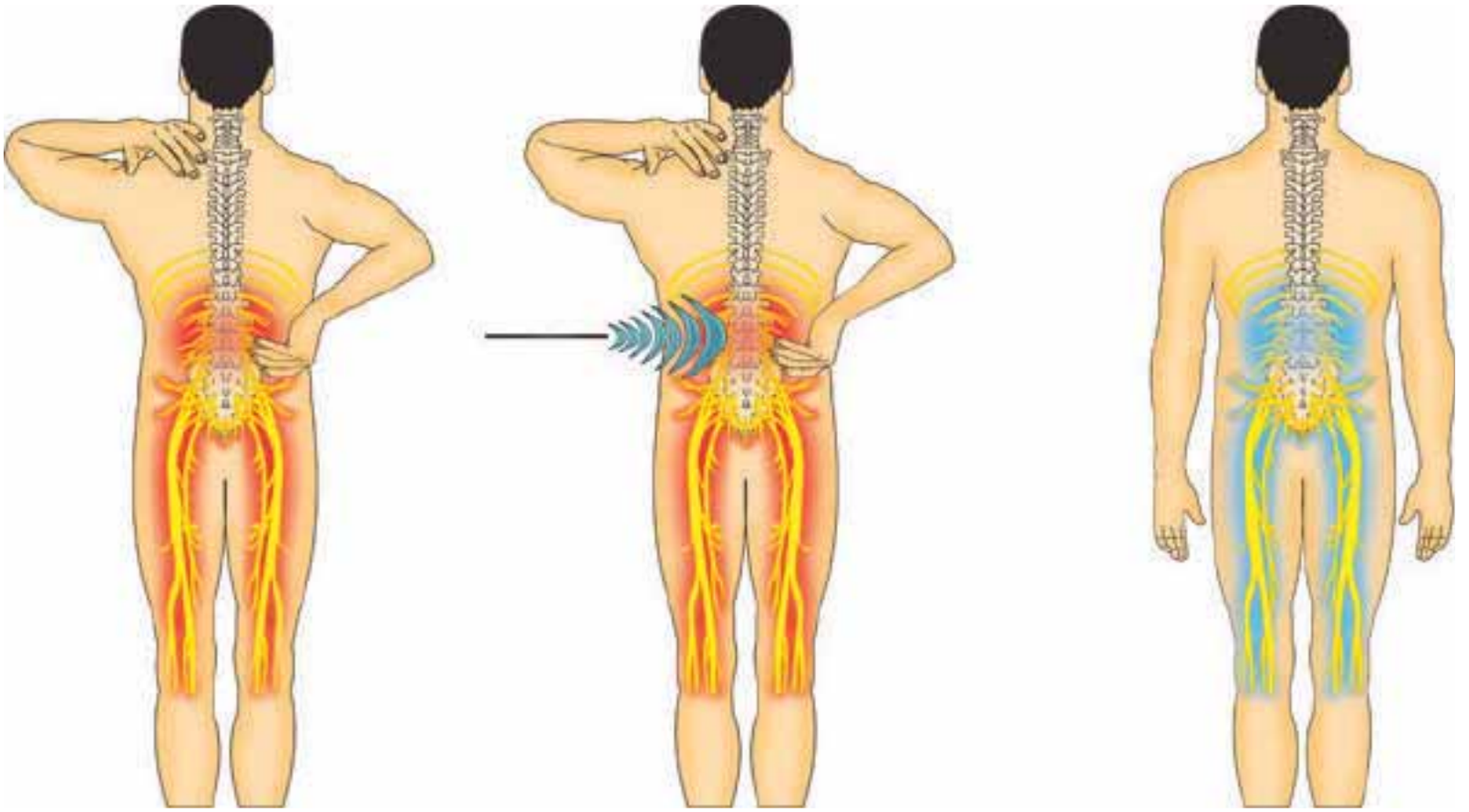

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Your Invitation

NYC Pain MD offers limited number of complimentary back and neck pain screenings every month. These screenings are a way for pain sufferers to get some of their questions answered and see if they are candidate for one of the cutting-edge treatments offered at *NYC Pain MD*. If you would like complimentary screening, just call 877-503-8540 and tell the scheduling co-ordinator who answers the phone, "I would like a complimentary back pain screening."

The screenings fill up fast every month. If you do not call in time to get one this month, the expert will schedule you for next month.

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Haunted High Line

Part time-traveling history lesson, part old-fashioned Halloween fun, Haunted High Line will be a full day of fun for kids up to 12 years old. Hear a ghost recount how she made cookies in factories along the elevated tracks at the Cookie Corner, stop by the old-timey photobooth, do science experiments at the Ice Box, sing and dance along with the Bilingual Birdies, marvel at a Halloween-themed magic show, walk a ghost tunnel and more. *Free with RSVP, Oct. 28, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., on the High Line, 14th-16th sts., enter at 14th St. and 10th Ave., eventbrite.com*

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Brookfield Place Halloween Bash
A kid-friendly haunted garden is the centerpiece of this year's Halloween Bash at Brookfield Place, plus a costume catwalk, performers, storytelling, trick-or-treating, a giant Lego sculpture and a quiet clubbing dance party. *Free, Oct. 28, noon-3 p.m., 230 Vesey St., artsbrookfield.com*

Kids Halloween Parade
The city's largest free kid-friendly event of the spooky season takes place in Washington Square Park on Halloween afternoon. Come to the fountain to take part in the families-only processional; participants will receive free trick-or-treat bags and can take part in games and rides on West Third Street at LaGuardia Place. *Free, Oct. 31, 3 p.m., nycgovparks.org*

Dead or Alive: Special Effects Workshop
Got a science-loving girl or ghoul in your fam? Bring them to the New York Hall of Science to learn how the magic is really made from artists and technologists in the special effects field. Get there right at noon for pumpkin chucking! *Free with admission, Oct. 28, noon-7 p.m., 47-01 111th St., Corona, nysci.org*

Boo at the Zoo
By turns eerie and educational, the Bronx Zoo's annual celebration has a new Haunted Forest, behind-the-scenes hayrides, a corn maze and all-ages Candy Trail, a costume parade and tons of special programs. *$36.95 for adults, $26.95 for kids up to 12, Oct. 28-29, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., 2300 Southern Blvd., bronxzoo.com*

Halloween Night Market
It's a little past their bedtime, but it's never too early to open kids' minds to the wide world of food. Swing by the Queens International Night Market for its last night of the season and trick-or-treat across the vendors, take part in a costume contest and groove to live music. *Free entry, Oct. 28, 6 p.m.-midnight, Hall of Science, queensnightmarket.com*

Seaport Block Party
FiDi Families invites budding sculptors to their annual Halloween Block Party to decorate mini pumpkins (first come, first served and only for kids), a dance party, science show, face painters and more. *Free with RSVP, Oct. 29, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fulton between Water and South sts., seaportdistrict.nyc*

LC Trick-or-Treat
Lincoln Center Plaza will be overrun with friendly goblins giving out treats to costumed kids. Little ones of all ages can also craft stuffed zombies, enjoy Crankenstein storytime and take part in a scavenger hunt. *Free, Oct. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., lincolncenter.org*

Haunted Walk and Fair
Come to Prospect Park for an afternoon of free, ghastly fun wandering Lookout Hill, where you'll encounter zombies, werewolves, witches and other ghouls (ages 7-12). All ages are welcome at the Halloween Fair on the Nethermead with family-friendly activities and food trucks. For the first time, there's an afterparty called BKLYN BOO! at City Point (2-5 p.m., 445 Albee Square West). *Free, Oct. 28, 12-3 p.m., eventbrite.com*

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With spooky vibes and frightful decos, these bars make the best Halloween haunts.

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Brooklyn Public House
Fort Greene's neighborhood pub transforms into a haunted lair for Halloween, from the massive clown face looming over the entrance, to the cobweb-strewn interior, with suspended monster dummies and murdery-red lights. This Sat., Oct. 28, stop in for the bar's annual costume contest, $200 bar tab for the winner. The Great PUPkin dog costume contest held down the street at Fort Greene Park that afternoon will give you inspo. *247 Dekalb Ave*

House of Wax
To enter House of Wax, Alamo Drafthouse's dual bar/wax museum, you have to walk across a rug patterned after "The Shining." If that doesn't get your mind weird, wandering the glass cases filled with Victorian-era wax renderings of busts and anatomical oddities will do the trick. Follow a screening of "It" with macabre cocktails, like the Death Mask of Napoleon Bonaparte, a bitter potion made with cynar, cognac and cardamaro. *445 Albee Square*

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from the horror film "An American Werewolf in London." Enjoy a pint fireside in the Werewolf Lounge, play darts in the Dungeon Game Room, or feast on fish and chips in the Pub Room. *182 W. 4th St.*

Freddy's Bar
The South Slope divey-tavern has somewhat of a spooky vibe year-round, even if it's just because of its resident albino frog-fish creature. From tonight through Oct. 31, the bar is hosting "Drink or Treat," a six-night celebration which includes a free Halloween dance party on Saturday, Oct. 28 and an art show called The End of Days on Tuesday, Halloween night. Bonus: Freddy's is only about five blocks from Green-Wood Cemetery, if you want to grab drinks and grub post spooky graveyard hang. *627 5th Ave.*

Beetle House NYC
It's Halloween year-round at this Tim Burton-inspired bar and restaurant in the East Village. The food menu nods to his oeuvre, with dishes like a steak called the Sweeney Beef, or a chocolate cake made out of Wonka Bars, while the cocktail menu of "poisons, potions, and elixirs," includes concoctions like This is Halloween! (fireball, Pumpkin Liqueur, sour apple pucker, apple cider). If that all's not enough, the decor will do you in: skulls on the tables, cobweb-strewn chandeliers, a tombstone that reads "Here lies Betelgeuse" behind the bar, and even an actor/host dressed as the trickster ghost himself. *308 E. 6th St.*

Sanatorium
This Alphabet City haunt conjures an olden times hospital, back when doctors didn't know medicine too good and you were more likely to come out much more addled than you went in. (R.I.P. "The Knick," btw.) The menu is designed to look like a patient's case file. Cocktails, like the "No Insurance" (too soon!) of vodka, elder flower, grapes, lime and orange elixir, are served on operating room trays, while shots come in syringes. Chandeliers meet surgical style lamps; classy meets creepy. *14 Ave. C*

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No one's waiting for Oct. 31 — Halloween really begins this Thursday, which means more partying than even the undead can handle. We've got your guide to the long, scary weekend ahead.

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Bite reality back

"Things just aren't like they used to be," starts the description of the skint's Reality Bites retro dance party. Groove out your frustration with the world by kicking it back to a better time and place at Littlefield with '80s and '90s tunes by DJ Brian Blackout, a spooky photo booth and drink specials like My Corona and Tonic Youth. Come in costume but no clowns, please. *$7-$10, Oct. 27, 10:30 p.m., 635 Sackett St., Brooklyn, littlefieldnyc.com*

Party like Rick & Morty

The pairing of an eccentric scientist and his young grandson may not seem like a recipe for one of the most soul-penetrating shows on TV, but Rick & Morty delivers the goods, depressing as they may be. On Friday night though, it's time to get riggity-riggity wrecked during a night of drinking games (with themed specials), trivia, a "multi-dimensional" costume contest, a "Virtual Rick-ality zone" and lots of themed decor. *$27.37, Oct. 27, 10 p.m.-4 a.m. 411 Troutman St., Brooklyn, must be 21+, facebook.com*

Explore an artsy haunted house

The distorted, haunting graphics of YouTube's Cool 3D World come to life at a haunted house co-created with Giphy for a three-hour immersive experience called Ghoul 3D World "where both nightmares and dreams will come true." Wander through art installations, 360-degree projections and more as you're "plunged into a captivating set of grotesque yet surprisingly alluring realms." *$31-$41, Oct. 27-28, 7 p.m., Future Space, 350 Meserole St., Brooklyn, must be 21+, eventbrite.com*

Drink like Jack

Stephen King is SO hot right now, and Stanley Kubrick's masterful adaptation of his novel really holds up. Videology has undergone a makeover to turn it into the Overlook Hotel's Gold Room for its The Shining Halloween Party — check in for a drink of Jack Daniel's and Advocaat before showtime, then hold on tight to your sanity. *$25, Oct. 28, 4, 7:15, 10:30 p.m., Videology Bar & Cinema, 308 Bedford Ave., Williamsburg, videologybarandcinema.com*

Take a haunted walk

For the first time, we've got a haunted pumpkin patch within city limits. Governors Island is open for the first time in October, and there's plenty of fall and Halloween fun. But the biggest attraction is Night of 1,000 Jack O' Lanterns, where you can walk a decorated path of illuminated spooky and silly pumpkins hand-carved by artists from the tri-state area — then stop by Little Eva's for hard cider. *$24, Oct. 26-29, 6-10 p.m., Colonels Row, therise.org*

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'Stranger Things' will happen

Like scary stuff but not the crowds and loud music? The Gregory Hotel has you covered with a "Stranger Things" staycation. Beginning premiere night — Friday, Oct. 27 — through August 2018, book yourself an Ex-streamly Cozy Package in one of the boutique hotel's rooms for a night of themed binge-watching. Your room will be decked out in "Stranger Things" decor like Will's message from the Upside Down, streaming access to watch all the episodes, a themed fleece blanket and pillowcase, plus a spread of Eggos and wine to sip from a Friends Don't Lie mug, which is yours to keep. *Rates start at $249 per night, thegregoryhotelnewyork.com*

More always puts on an immersive party to remember. This year's edition of The McKittrick Masquerade: Inferno promises to be the biggest one yet, taking over multiple floors of the hotel with an occult-themed night of dancing, special performances and surprises. The open bar — make that several bars all around the hotel — last all night. Dress your occult best (think zombie, sorcerer, beast, witch, etc.), or all black will do if you're not a worshipper of earthly magic. *$75-$485, Oct. 27, 28, 31, 10:15 p.m.-?, 530 W. 27th St., mckittrickhotel.com*

For the best Halloween night events, pick up the Oct. 31 issue of Metro

Return to the Upside Down

Gemini & Scorpio's decadent party requires your full participation — costume and willingness to experience the world beyond our own. Step into the Masquerade Macabre for a "Stranger Things"-themed evening with a forest of fear by artist Sara Jane Munford, face off against a mentalist G-man, join a seance to the other side, eat Eggos in the blanket fort and sip the evening's themed drinks. A live DJ makes sure the party goes until dawn. *$25-$35, Oct. 28, 9 p.m.-5 a.m., Chemistry Creative, 305 Ten Eyck St, Bushwick, must be 21+, masqmacabre.brownpapertickets.com*

Relive the best days of disco

Gramercy's cocktail bar for sophisticated drinkers, Dear Irving, resurrects Studio 54 for one glorious night of disco hits and drinks that definitely know how to boogie (the bar was a Tales of the Cocktail finalist). Themed libations are included in the ticket price, with '70s hits by DJ Sid V all night — dress your era best to be allowed entry. *$125, Oct. 28, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., 55 Irving Place, dearirvingsmasqueradeball.eventbrite.com*

See your favorite comedians*

Just as you dress up as someone else, the 40 comedians who will grace the Bell House on Sunday will bring their best imitations of your favorite comics for the 10th annual Schtick or Treat! Past fake performers have included Joan Rivers, George Carlin, Weird Al, Russell Brand and more. *$15, Oct. 29, 7 p.m., 149 Seventh St., must be 21+, thebellhouseny.com*

Meet the creatures of the night

A church is not where you'd expect to celebrate Halloween, but the annual Halloween Extravaganza at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine is a spectacle few other events can match. The night begins with a screening of 1925's The Phantom of the Opera with live accompaniment from the most foreboding of instruments, the organ. Then, prepare for some real life frights as ghouls, demons and witches make their way down the aisles of the church. *Oct. 27, 7-9 p.m., 10-midnight, 1047 Amsterdam Ave.*

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Pubs to remember

The **Muddlers Club** is a great place to start to experience Belfast's pub scene.

Like many of the city's fine pubs, the Muddlers Club has a rich history — it was once home to a 200-year-old secret society located in the Cathedral Quarter. The secret is out these days, but you can still score a seat at the bar as well as a table. The Tempted Sweet Cider Point or a Galloper's Golden Ale are good places to start.

The Muddler's Club also offers an eclectic menu. The cod in squid ink and the trout with cauliflower and curry are popular choices — don't forget the hand-cut fries.

Stix and Stones won't break your bones or your travel budget. The large, modern restaurant is relatively new but serves traditional Irish favorites alongside contemporary libations. The menu is a cut above your average pub grub, with options like confit duck. All of the beef served up comes from Ireland and is dry aged for 28 days, a true treat for meat lovers.

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The Stanley Hotel

Colorado's Stanley Hotel is so haunted, it scared "The Shining" right out of Stephen King. If you feel like you might have a thriller waiting beneath the surface, we suggest trying a night's stay. Most guests report witnessing paranormal activity, and while Jack Nicholson won't be there, "The Shining" plays 24 hours a day on channel 42.

Little People's Village

Fans of architecture and the occult will want to mark the creepily abandoned doll village in the woods of Middlebury, Connecticut. The demonic voices that commanded their architect to build them (then kill himself once he was done) are reportedly still living inside of them. Locals say you can hear them at night, but as long as you don't have a background in construction, you should be fine.

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Derek Stepan prepares for MSG return to face off against Rangers

The former Blueshirt was traded to Arizona Coyotes this summer after seven seasons in New York.

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Arizona Coyotes forward Derek Stepan was probably used to a much different environment than the one he experienced on Tuesday night at the Barclays Center when taking on the New York Islanders.

During the first seven years of his career as a member of the New York Rangers, these matchups against the Islanders were some of the biggest nights of the year. During an Islanders 5-3 win on Tuesday, it was just another early-regular season interconference matchup.

Stepan, New York's first-line center last season, was traded from the Rangers alongside goalie Antti Raanta in June to the Coyotes for defenseman Anthony DeAngelo and a first-round draft pick.

It's difficult to pick out which side got the better deal considering both teams are struggling mightily in 2017-18. The Rangers, who made the postseason in each of Stepan's seven years, are off to a 2-6-2 start. Even worse, the Coyotes have yet to win a game this year, starting 0-8-1.

While Stepan and his Coyotes are on the East coast, they'll stop at Madison Square Garden to face the Rangers on Thursday night (7 p.m. puck drop) to provide a reunion between the 27-year-old center and his former team.

"I don't really know what to expect quite yet," Stepan said. "It's going to be an emotional night for me and it's certainly going to be a weird game but this is life and we'll see what happens when we get there."

Stepan appeared in 515 career games with the Rangers, recording 128 goals and 232 assists (360 points). More importantly, he was a glue guy for a Rangers team that made postseason appearances a regular occurrence during his tenure. He made positive things happen while on the ice despite not scoring more than 22 goals in a single season as he ranks ninth in franchise history with a plus-109 career rating

Derek Stepan returns to a familiar place in unfamiliar colors as his Coyotes vist the Rangers at Madison Square Garden on Thursday night. GETTY IMAGES

His hard-nosed style of play was a big reason why the Rangers inked Stepan to a six-year, $39 million deal prior to the 2015-16 season. It was expected to make the Minnesota native a Rangers lifer. But that was before the business end of the game interfered.

"I understand the business part of it and I signed a six-year deal intending to play my six years there," he said. "That's why we decided to go with the long-term deal. I wanted to be there. But business is business and the Rangers decided to try and better their organization."

Without his presence on the first line, the Rangers offense has looked out of sorts despite ranking third in the league with 323 shots on goal. Their shooting percentage of 7.7 ranks within the bottom six of the entire NHL.

While times might be tough at Madison Square Garden, look for Blueshirt fans to take a moment and recognize Stepan for his tenure in New York on Thursday night.

They should know that the feeling is mutual.

"Seven years of my life was a big part of it," Stepan told *Metro*. "There were a lot of fun games in front of them and I have nothing but love for them."

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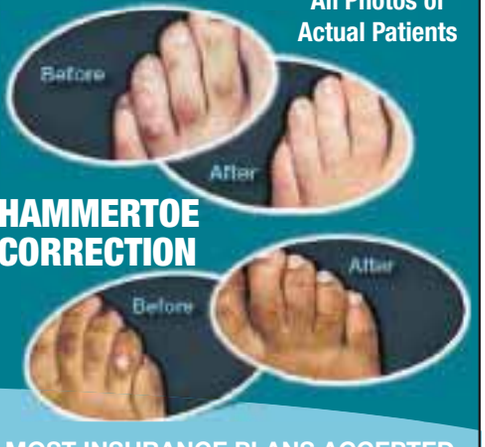

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Eli Manning deserves better than this, the two-time Super Bowl MVP under center for a 1-6 team that will miss their two biggest offensive weapons for the rest of the season.

It surely hasn't been the season that the Giants expected, heading into their bye week with a single win. The offense has struggled, Manning has been under constant pressure and the team might be hard-pressed to win a couple more games at this going rate.

But the bulk of the pressure is beginning to fall on Manning. At 36 years old, the Giants quarterback is undeniably on the backend of his career. Now as the Giants head toward what is likely a top pick in next year's NFL draft, the questioning of Manning's future in New York is beginning to rise to the surface.

Do the Giants begin planning for life without Manning sooner rather than later? And do they give rookie Davis Webb, a third-round pick in last year's draft, a shot on the field with meaningful snaps?

"Everybody knows the record, so I got to play better," Manning said on Tuesday. "I'm going to keep fighting, keep finding ways to get completions and see if we can move the ball and score some more points."

Currently, Manning is set for a third straight season where his passing yardage will have dropped. Ironically, however, his completion percentage, as well as his passer rating, have both seen a slight uptick over the year before.

In fact, his completion percentage if the season were to end today, would be the highest of his 14-year NFL career. So it isn't entirely on Manning.

He isn't the one blocking or running the routes. However, he is the one throwing from six-feet under or to no-name wide receivers.

And without Odell Beckham Jr. and Brandon Marshall, the Giants are facing very long odds to move the ball let alone start winning a couple of games. In Sunday's 24-7 loss to the Seattle Seahawks, they had just 177 total yards of offense and only 14 first downs. Those are numbers that show that the struggle is real here in New York. It also shows that it isn't all on Manning.

"Well, it's tough," Manning said. "Each game is different. I don't know if there's necessarily one thing that went wrong. We had a little stretch there where we had leads and lose a couple games in the last seconds — last minutes of games. So, you're right there in the stretch," Manning said. "That's just football sometimes. We're just not playing well enough, just not doing everything that we need to do to win football games and I think obviously when two weeks ago, this last week – right there in it in the fourth quarter. Just didn't make the plays in the fourth quarter."

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What does Girardi's future hold?

The Yankees skipper is without a new contract. Will he be looking to stay in the Bronx?

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It looks like the New York Yankees want Joe Girardi back, but does the manager want to return to the Bronx? GETTY IMAGES

New York Yankees manager Joe Girardi is coming off the heels of making an improbable run to the ALCS where he was one win away from moving on to the World Series.

Despite the success coming in a year in which the team wasn't expected to challenge for the postseason, Girardi's future with the team is uncertain as his four-year, $16 million contract expired after the Yankees' Game 7 ALCS loss to the Houston Astros.

Girardi immediately got the rumor mill going after the loss as he told reporters that there are "no guarantees," that he will be back next season managing the team if the Yankees offer him a new contract, adding that he will consult with his family before making a decision.

According to Joe McDonald of New York Sports Day, the organization is interested in bringing him back, which would mean the ball is in his court … or catcher's mitt in this case.

The 53-year-old Girardi has been the Yankees' skipper for the past 10 seasons, the fifth-longest tenured manager in franchise history.

That's quite an impressive feat considering the stress that comes with the position. Holding the Yankees' managerial job is one of the most high-profile gigs in all of sports with every little move made ostracized and dissected by a fan base that spans the entire globe.

Even in good times, he was susceptible to the vitriol from Yankees fans. Most recently, he was booed at Yankee Stadium during roster introductions prior to Game 3 of the ALDS after he failed to challenge a controversial call the previous game against the Cleveland Indians.

Since his "no guarantees" comment after the ALCS, Girardi and the Yankees have fallen off the map when it comes to addressing his future with no updates provided.

There has been speculation swirling that the Washington Nationals might want to take a look at Girardi after parting ways with Dusty Baker. And while that job provides plenty of challenges of its own — like trying to win a playoff series for the first time in franchise history — a team in a smaller market might be more appealing to Girardi.

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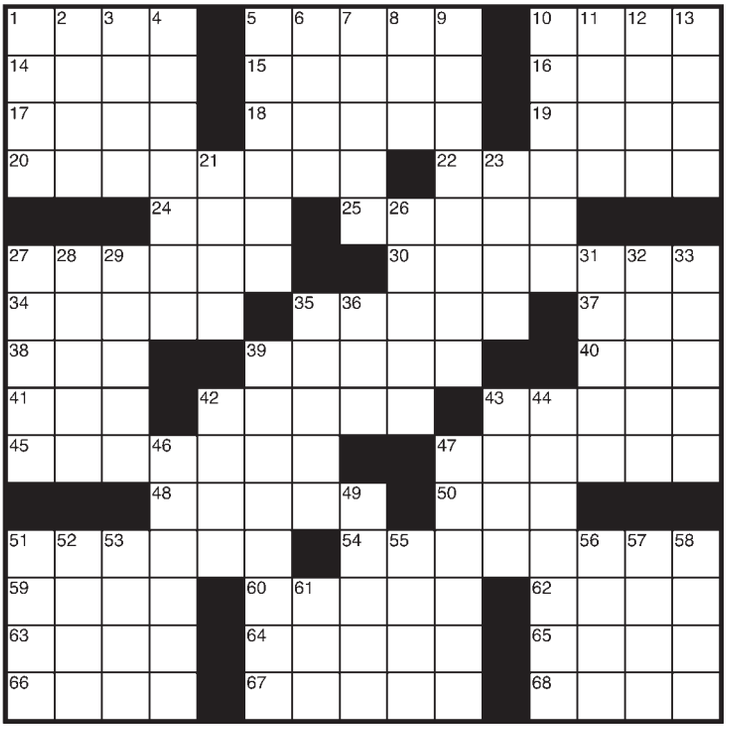
5 Cognizant
10 Filly's footfall
14 Walk in the woods
15 Underway
16 Waterfall sound
17 Elevator inventor
18 Estuary
19 Result of overexercising
20 Had the desire (2 wds.)
22 Get back
24 Be under obligation to pay
25 Inflict, as damage
27 Looked hard
30 More ruthless
34 Payroll deductions
35 Revises text
37 Yeasty brew
38 Kimono accessory
39 Frosh, usually
40 Cargo hauler
41 Pasture sound
42 Little Pigs count
43 -- of the crime
45 City buried by Vesuvius
47 Platinum or ash
48 Equipped with weapons
50 Feel under par
51 Sacred beetle
54 Sending forth
59 Units of resistance
60 Price tag
62 Proposal
63 VIP transport
64 Ruling class
65 Close with force and noise
66 Elite school near Windsor Castle
67 Headquartered
68 Roll-call response

Down

1 Prove
2 Pocket bread
3 Similar
4 Work with antiques
5 Put up with
6 Had a turn
7 Radiant
8 Regret bitterly
9 Asks urgently
10 Teasing remarks
11 Loony
12 Pacific island
13 Boarding school
21 Pasture moms
23 Auricles
26 North Sea tributary
27 Crush grapes
28 Not allowed
29 Principle
31 Place of safety
32 Veld grazer
33 "Walk Away --"
35 Ghostlike
36 Fiddle-de- --
39 Sewing kit items
42 Prefix for "trillion"
43 Skirt vent
44 Frisky
46 Minister
47 -- out (rescued)
49 Ledger entry
51 Only
52 Voucher
53 GI supply
55 Apportion by measure
56 Not busy
57 Next-door
58 Rummy or tag
61 Rope-a-dope boxer



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Aries Emotional decisions are not likely to turn out the way you want. Personal growth, general improvement and stabilizing your future should be your goals.

Taurus Finish what you start. Your reputation will get a boost if you can turn chaos into order. An intellectual discussion with someone very different from you will be enlightening.

Gemini An emotional incident will leave you questioning your next move. Take better care of your emotional frame of mind. Finish one job before starting another to avoid criticism.

Cancer Don't feel the need to make an abrupt change or impulsive decision. You have plenty of time to research and figure out what exactly you want to do.

Leo Avoid people with colds and flus, and places likely to have lots of germs. Protect your health and stay focused on getting plenty of rest and eating properly.

Virgo Networking functions will lead to new opportunities. Adapt to whatever changes come your way. Your ability to go with the flow will help you accomplish your goals.

Libra Don't say or do something you'll regret. Revealing a secret or arguing over something trivial will not help you win friends or favors. Personal growth should be your goal.

Scorpio Make your home your haven. A creative space that you can tinker in will lead to a pursuit that you find inspiring and others will be intrigued by.

Sagittarius Protect against emotional stress. Stay on top of unfinished business to ensure that it is completed before it's due. Don't let temptation turn into a financial loss.

Capricorn Mesh the past with the present and you will be able to build a solid future. Reuniting with old friends or colleagues will open doors that can lead to new beginnings.

Aquarius There is no room for risk. Jumping into a deal without doing proper research will put you in a difficult position personally and financially.

Pisces Your participation in community events or a joint venture will give you a chance to show off your skills and offer unique solutions. EUGENIA LAST

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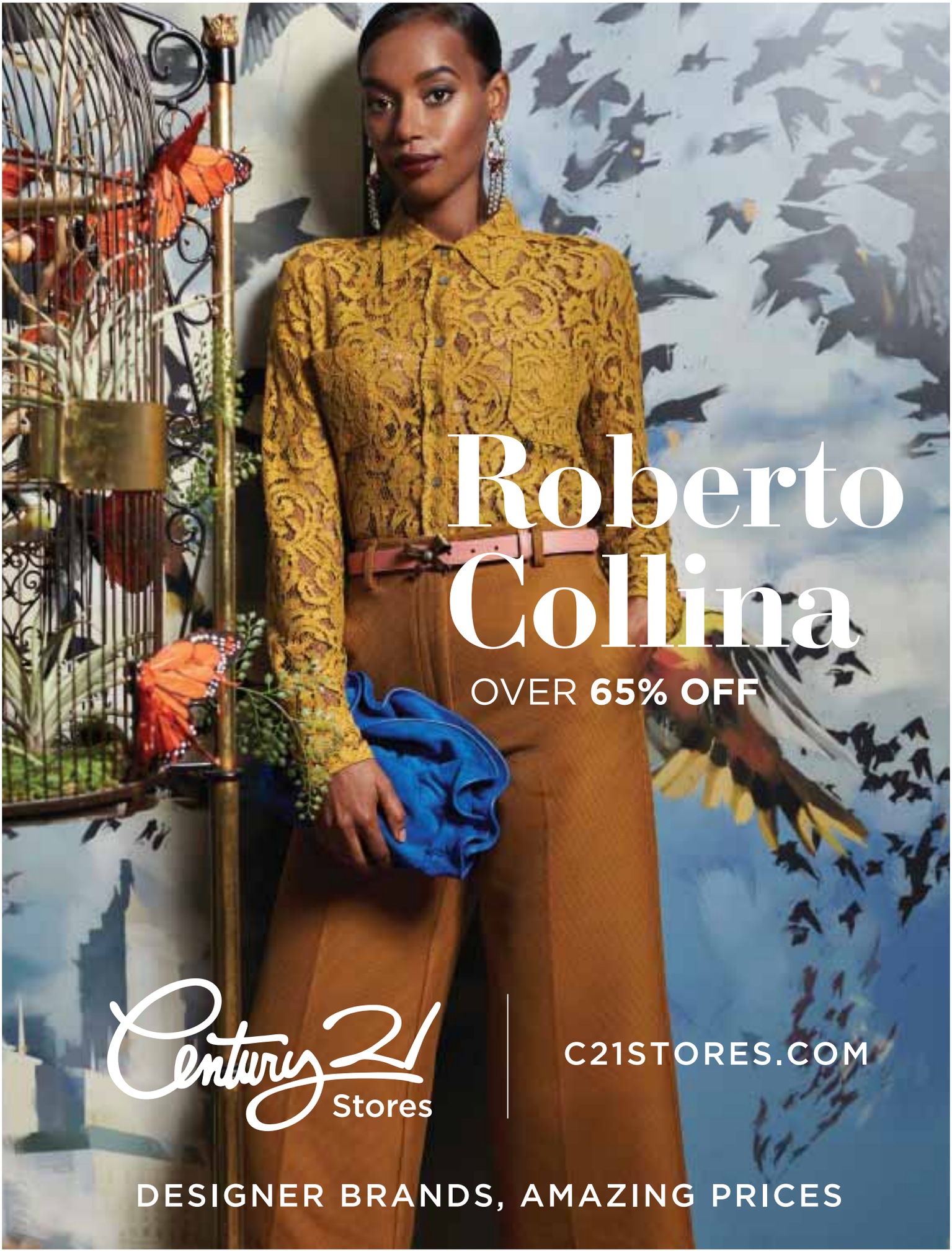
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